



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of
10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC

ATTENDING

Ken King, GDOT
Tyler Meyer, GDOT
Elizabeth James, GDOT/ GTA
Frank Wyatt, Engineering &
Inspections
John Watkins, NCDOT
Jim Elza, Guilford County

Jim Westmoreland, GDOT
Anna Brigman, NCDOT
Alec MacIntosh, Greensboro Planning
Ted Johnson, PTIA Authority

Gene Kimel, Pleasant Garden
Lynise DeVance, FHWA

I. ACTION ITEMS

Acting TCC Chair Jim Westmoreland called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. Minutes from the July 22 TCC meeting were approved. Westmoreland identified three additional action items, and asked Tyler Meyer to present them.

Meyer reviewed the TAC actions taken at the July 22 meeting. These actions released the following documents for public comment: *Conformity Analysis and Report*, the *2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*, and the *2000-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments*. The public comment period was advertised in the Greensboro News & Record and the Carolina Peacemaker, and public review documents were distributed according to MPO public involvement policies. No public comments were received.

Recommend TAC find 2025 LRTP and 2000-2006 MTIP in Conformity with the State Implementation Plan

The *Conformity Analysis and Report* documents that the *2025 LRTP* and *2000-2006 MTIP* conform to the State Implementation Plan. Jim Elza proposed the action and Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. TCC then acted to recommend TAC make the conformity finding.

Recommend TAC adopt the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The *2025 LRTP* accelerates Urban Loop construction between I-40 and Airport Parkway and adds an interchange construction project on Airport Parkway at Old Oak Ridge Road. The *2025 LRTP* contains a full set of documentation of planning assumptions and process. Frank Wyatt proposed the action and Jim Elza seconded the motion. TCC then acted to recommend TAC adoption of the *2025 LRTP*.

Recommend TAC adopt the 2000-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments

The *MTIP Amendments* incorporates the rural transit element into the *2000-2006 MTIP* and makes minor description changes to a small number of projects. Jim Elza proposed the action, and Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. TCC then acted to recommend TAC adoption of the *MTIP Amendments*.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

MTIP 2002-2008 Development Schedule

Ken King summarized the MPO schedule for 2002-2008 TIP development. A series of TCC staff work sessions will be held to develop a technical needs list for finalization at the October TCC meeting. TAC will consider the TCC needs list at the October TAC meeting and direct the creation of an MPO Priority List. TAC will reconsider the MPO Priority List for approval at the November TAC meeting. The list will inform NCDOT of local TIP priorities and play an important role in the MPO Priority Session with NCDOT in December.

Public involvement options for priority needs identification were discussed. TCC concurred that a public comment period and mailing to targeted stakeholder groups was appropriate. The option of including a public comment period in the priority list development process was favorably received. Jim Elza said that early contact with incorporated Guilford County Towns would be important to successful priority needs identification. Gene Kimel observed that the towns rarely participate in the MPO process except when a significant issue affecting them arises. Lynise asked whether NCDOT had dropped road paving responsibilities in Pleasant Garden. John Watkins said that incorporated areas are not eligible for road paving funds under the General Statutes, but that certain small urban and discretionary funds provided some flexibility. Powell Bill funding could be used, but the towns have not accepted the necessary maintenance responsibilities to be eligible for these funds.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update Process

Ken King reviewed the need to update the MOU. Key needs are modernizing statutory references and revising the committee membership and representation. The MOU states that, "Initially, the membership shall include, but not be limited to, the following..." TCC reviewed this list and offered suggestions for replacing out-of-date members and correcting titles and agency names where needed. This corrected list will be presented at the next TCC MOU discussion.

III. OTHER ITEMS

NCDOT Division Engineer's Update

John Watkins said that approximately \$2 million in additional funds have been committed to NC 68 safety improvements from Pleasant Ridge to Rockingham County. An MTIP Amendment will be required in October or November to incorporate these funds.

TAC Agenda

The TAC agenda was reviewed. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.